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I believe that the settlement approved by the Department of Justice and 9 state attorneys general should be approved. While I think the settlement is burdensome and harsh on Microsoft I think it is best to close this case and concentrate our regulation efforts on things that REALLY matter to consumers- such as home energy prices gasoline prices in the northwest United States monopolies in the cable television industry etc. - rather than trying to punish a successful company for being successful. I would sincerely hope that in the future federal anti-trust statutes are used to protect consumers rather than to help failed competitors compete.